

**Manitoba Education for Sustainable Development  
Working Group Meeting #5  
October 5, 2006 (12:00 - 4:00)  
Location: Manitoba Hydro, 1315 Notre Dame Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

## RECORD

The following participated in the meeting:

<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Asu, Vicki	Environment Canada
Atleo, Marlene (for John Wiens)	University of Manitoba, Faculty of Education
Jim Bakken	Green Manitoba
Bruce, Graham	Pembina Trails School Division Superintendent
Carruthers, Brendan	Manitoba Hydro (Regrets)
Clement, Joan	Manitoba Association of School Trustees, Winkler, MB
Froese, Hilda	Manitoba Association of School Trustees, Winkler, MB
Gowanlock, Lorraine	Frontier School Division
Hardess, Lisa (with Evan)	Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources
Murray, John (for Aileen Najduch)	Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth
Najduch, Aileen	Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth
Olafson-Dyck, Renee	Fort Whyte Centre
Robinson, Gordon	Education Faculty (CRYSTAL), University of Manitoba
Sadler, Nicole	MB4Youth, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth
Shymko, Randall for Jim Bakken	Green Manitoba
Tetrault, Amanda	Teacher, River East/Transcona School Division
Wishart, Rick	Ducks Unlimited
<b>MESDWG Secretariat</b>	
Adamson, Bob	Learning for a Sustainable Future, (LSF) Winnipeg
McDonald, Christina	Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth/Advanced Education and Training
<b>MESDWG Support</b>	
Tran, Yolanda	Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth/Advanced Education and Training
Sarah Martens	Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth/Advanced Education and Training

The following sent regrets:

<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Druwe, Marcel	college Universitaire de saint boniface
Steeves, Gord	City Council
Holst, Heidi	Past President, STAM & LSSD
Morrow, Dallas	Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy
Waito, Barry	Louisiana - Pacific
Creech, Heather	International Institute for Sustainable Development

The following results arose from the meeting:

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Members were welcomed to the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MESDWG. New members include: John Murray (MECY) replacing Aileen Najduch and Marlene Atleo (representing the Dean of Education, U of M.)

### **Review of Minutes**

The Minutes of June 9, 2006 were approved.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

The Secretariat/Steering Committee were to:

- o Ensure that all sectors identified in the Discussion Paper are represented on the MESDWG.

The Secretariat reported that all sectors including The City of Winnipeg, Aboriginal groups have been contacted regarding representation on the MESDWG. Securing representation is still ongoing.

Action: The Secretariat will follow up with Natalie Swayze (City Naturalist) regarding representation from the City of Winnipeg.

- o Contact both Naji Mahkwa School, Children of the Earth and South Winnipeg Aboriginal College to identify possible representatives for current sub-committee.

Action: The Secretariat reported that contact has been made with Aboriginal groups and is hopeful that there will be representative for the next meeting.

- o Send a letter to organizations that still require representation

The Secretariat reported that letters have been sent to all organizations that required letters.

Action: Members are to contact the Secretariat if members require letters confirming membership from their respective organizations including sub-committee members.

- o Work with Working Group members to develop the ESD framework/definitions piece and present to the MESDWG at the next meeting.

The Secretariat reported that IISD is in the process of developing a definition (Understanding SD) that will be shared electronically shortly for feedback.

- o The posting of presentations on the MESDWG website:

The Secretariat conducted a presentation regarding the draft MESDWG website. Members discussed the on-line learning community and website. It was determined that the website should go live but the on-line learning community should be reviewed by the co-chairs/chairs of the working group.

Action: The Secretariat to convene a meeting of the chairs/co-chairs regarding a demonstration of the online learning community and report back to the MESDWG.

**Reports:**

**MESDWG ESD website design and development.** Item discussed in earlier agenda item.

**MECY/IISD Research Initiative Report.** Tabled until IISD is present.

**Communication Plan for MESDWG.** Tabled until future consultation plan (see below) is agreed upon

**Sustainability Education Project**

John Murray reported on the Sustainability Education Project. Amanda Tetrault has been contracted to conduct a 1 hour presentation to a variety of education stakeholder groups, school trustees, school admin, superintendents, etc. at various levels throughout the K-12 system. A document (attached) was circulated related to key messages for the presentation and what content would be presented. The presentations will take place from now through to May 2007. The aim of the presentation is to raise awareness of ESD in classrooms.

Action: MECY will conduct a Presentation to the MESDWG on November 9, 2006.
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MECY noted that there are no costs to school divisions associated with the presentations.

**Council of Ministers of Education (CMEC)**

The secretariat reported that the Deputy Ministers of the Council of Ministers of Education have recommended that Gerald Farthing, Manitoba's Deputy Minister, Education, Citizenship and Youth continue to serve as the lead on the ESD file on behalf of CMEC, that CMEC expressed comfort in working with LSF on ESD indicators and reporting for all jurisdictions in Canada through the NEC and regional working groups.

**United National Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Indicators**

The Secretariat circulated the UNECE Indicators template that LSF will be forwarding to all members for reporting.

Actions: Each subcommittee to review the indicators and report back to the Secretariat on their value. The Secretariat to send out the Indicators to co-chairs adding an extra column for comments. The sub-committees are to review and identify which indicator applies to their particular committee work. This will then permit a gap analysis on any indicators or important areas of work not covered and assist in our future reporting.
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**Plenary Discussion:**

Fall 2007 Conference "State of the Art of Sustainable Development and Innovation in Manitoba".

Members discussed the idea of a Manitoba-wide Consultation/Conference/Showcase on ESD in Manitoba.

The Secretariat reported on how the MESDWG has contributed to and made an important contribution to the establishment of Working Groups in other jurisdictions. The proposed Conference will provide focus and tangible outcomes for the MESDWG and the subcommittees. The conference would also be a model for other working groups across Canada to consider. It would also help our WG achieve all of the objectives we had identified in our initial terms of reference (Terms of Reference located on MESDWG website).

### **The preliminary vision:**

A 2-day conference would be held in Winnipeg featuring a showcase of programs, best practices, panel discussions, key note speakers. The conference would consist of various themes addressing ESD. One outcome of the conference is that recommendations will be identified that will move ESD forward in Manitoba. Another recommendation may be that we follow the process through future conferences during the Decade for ESD. This conference would include papers, presentations and a best practice showcase. A detailed record of the proceedings will be prepared for distribution. Our first conference would include National ESD Expert Council representatives.

Members shared the following principles and ideas for the Conference:

- A well thought out youth component is important
- Include a summit re SD and innovative practice
- There should be included a non-formal education focus (as well as formal)
- Focus on innovation and sustainable development to be inclusive of business
- Need a targeted approach and clear set of goals and outcomes for this conference
- We have begun to identify where ESD is at in Manitoba but have not yet begun to identify the gaps
- We ought to develop an ESD Action plan – formal, non-formal and informal as an outcome of the conference
- Showcase what is going on in Manitoba and make recommendations to advance ESD
- NEC could meet the day before and participate in the consultation
- Each subcommittee could start to discuss these ideas and possible participants (eg keynotes, panels, showcase, etc.) in their subcommittees
- This conference will be expensive and require considerable organisation (logistics, timing, etc) which will need to be developed and a business plan, budget, etc worked out. Will need a staff/contract facilitator and sponsorships
- A time table needs to be developed (earliest next fall 2007 but possibly spring 2008)
- Representatives around the table were very supportive of this concept and endorsed it in principle moving forward
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Action: The Secretariat request feedback from the chairs/co-chairs of each subcommittee regarding ideas related to conference planning. Chairs to try to arrange a meeting of the groups before the next meeting and report to the MESDWG. The EECOM Leadership team will attend the EECOM Leadership Clinic and focus on developing a conference strategic plan and report to the MESDWG at its next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** November 9, 2006 (10:00 – 3:30)  
Presentations by LSF 10-12; MESDWG meeting to follow.  
Location: 1567/77 Dublin Avenue, Rooms 115/116